

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

**A meeting was held on Thursday October 16th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
in the first floor Conference Room
at Gloucester City Hall**

The meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert B. Ryan. Also attending were members Anthony Bertolino, Larry Ingersoll, and Michael Mulcahey. Also present was City Councilor Melissa Cox.

AGENDA

Approval of minutes from our 9/11/14 meeting

After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED (2-1 with member Bertolino in the negative) to APPROVE the minutes as amended.

Removal of Handicap Space at #1 Flume Road (This item was not on the agenda)

The TC received a communication from the requestor asking that the Handicap Parking space at #1 Flume Road be removed. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to REMOVE the space.

The following was continued from our last meeting:

ORDER #CC2014-037 (Councilor Cox) ORDERED that the City Council Amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 "Traffic", Sec.22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" by:

A: ADDING: "Prospect Street, parking prohibited on the northerly side of Prospect Street from its intersection with Friend Street in a westerly direction to Taylor Street, from utility pole #976 to #978" and by:

B: DELETING: "Warner Street easterly side from its intersection with Prospect Street to a point 78 feet northerly thereof" and by:

ADDING: "Warner Street easterly side for a distance of 245 feet from its intersection with Prospect Street".

*(September Meeting) After a discussion and speaking with Councilor Cox, this order was separated into two sections, A & B. A MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to **CONTINUE** the decision of section A until a group site visit can be conducted and the area neighbors can be contacted. The order wording also needs to be adjusted stating for a distance of 230 feet instead of the utility pole numbers.*

Since the new sidewalks have been installed in this area, the raised curbing has prevented cars from pulling onto the sidewalk to park, making the street narrower. This is a heavily traveled area and some members of the TC have heard numerous complaints about the narrowness of this area. There is also some concern about the location of the yellow dividing line which may need to be adjusted if the order is later approved. There is also a concern with neighborhood parking as few of the residences in the area have off street parking available.

*A MOTION was then made, seconded and PASSED to **APPROVE** section B of the order concerning Warner Street. This is also a heavily traveled street that is narrow, but the homes have off street parking available. Councilor Cox has not spoken to the residents of this area as of this decision.*

***(October Meeting)** After a discussion and a site visit on 10/08 (present were members Ryan, Bertolino, Ingersoll, Mulcahey and City Councilors Cox, Whynot and Romeo-Theken) the following occurred.:*

A MOTION was made by member Bertolino to CONTINUE this matter until the neighborhood meeting (scheduled for 10/22) can be held. No second for this motion was presented and the motion failed.

*A MOTION was then made, seconded and PASSED (vote was 2-1 with member Bertolino in the negative as he believed the length of the no parking zone was excessive) to **NOT RECOMMEND Section A of the order as written but to suggest that the order be amended to read:***

Prospect Street, parking prohibited on the northerly side from its intersection with Friend Street for a distance of 125 feet in a westerly direction (sign can be installed on pole #977); also:

At the northwest corner of Prospect and Taylor Streets (by the big rock) a sign be erected for the 'No Parking here to corner' zone and if possible, diagonal white street markings be painted to help enforce the zone; and also:

It is very imperative that the current yellow line in the street be adjusted. It was clear to all present during the site visit that the line was off approximately 3-5 feet at some points. It seems the line location was in error or possibly painted with the anticipation of a new no parking order.

In that area, Prospect Street varies in width from 24 feet near its intersection with Friend Street, 28 feet from the area between pole #977 and #137 Prospect Street (which is the start of the no parking zone on the southerly side) and 37 feet from in front of the DES club to pole #978 just before Taylor Street. It seems that when the line was painted, it took into consideration the parking in front of the DES club, but did not allow for the parking on the opposite side, resulting in too small a lane when cars are parked.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman

LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary